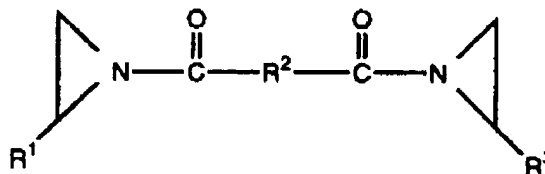


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where R^1 and R^3 independently, are selected from the group consisting of H and C_nH_{2n+1} where n is an integer ranging from 1 to 5, and R^2 is a divalent radical selected from the group consisting of benzeno ($-C_6H_4-$), substituted benzeno, triazine, C_mH_{2m} where m is an integer ranging from 1 to 10, and combinations thereof,

the relative amounts of said co-monomer and said crosslinking agent being selected such that (i) the ratio of the number of equivalents of amide groups to the number of equivalents of carboxylic acid groups is at least about 0.1,

wherein the pressure sensitive adhesive composition comprises no greater than 10% by weight of a tackifier and no greater than 2% by weight of a plasticizer.

14. (Amended) An adhesive article according to claim 1 wherein the alkyl group contains between 4 and 8 carbon atoms.

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15. (Amended) A pressure sensitive adhesive composition consisting essentially of the reaction product of:

(A) a copolymer comprising the reaction product of (a) a (meth)acrylate ester of a non-tertiary alcohol in which the alkyl group contains between 1 and 8 carbon atoms, inclusive, and whose homopolymer has a glass transition temperature no greater than about 0°C ; and (b) a carboxylic acid-functional, ethylenically unsaturated co-monomer; and

(B) a bis-amide crosslinking agent having the formula:

